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Michael J. Gaines,

Chairman, Parole Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Mine Safety and Health Administration

30 CFR Parts 56, 57, 62, 70, and 71

RIN 1219-AA53

Health Standards for Occupational Noise Exposure

AGENCY: Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA), Labor.

ACTION: Supplemental proposed rule; extension of comment period and close of record.

SUMMARY: MSHA is extending the post-hearing comment period and close of record regarding the Agency's supplemental proposed rule for occupational noise exposure, which was published in the **Federal Register** on December 31, 1997.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before April 24, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments on this supplemental proposed rule must be clearly identified as such and may be transmitted by electronic mail to comments@msha.gov; by fax to MSHA, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, 703-235-5551; or by mail to MSHA, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, 4015 Wilson Boulevard, Room 631, Arlington, VA 22203. Interested persons are encouraged to supplement written comments with computer files or disks; please contact the Agency with any format questions.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patricia W. Silvey, Director; MSHA, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances; 703-235-1910.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 31, 1997, MSHA published in the **Federal Register** (62 FR 68468) a proposed rule which would supplement MSHA's proposed rule for occupational noise exposure in coal and metal and nonmetal mines, published December 17, 1996 (61 FR 66348). The supplemental proposal would require mine operators to provide affected miners and miners' representatives with an opportunity to observe operator monitoring required under § 62.120(f) of MSHA's proposed rule for occupational noise exposure. It also would require mine operators to inform miners and miners' representatives of the dates and

times of planned operator noise monitoring so that miners and miners' representatives would have an opportunity to exercise the right to observe monitoring.

The comment period closed on February 17, 1998. MSHA held a public hearing on March 10, 1998, in Washington, DC. To allow for the submission of post-hearing comments the record was scheduled to close on April 9, 1998. Due to requests from the mining community, the Agency is extending the post-hearing comment period and close of record to April 24, 1998. MSHA believes that this extension will provide sufficient time for all interested parties to review and comment on the proposal, and on the written comments and testimony that the Agency has received thus far. All interested members of the mining public are encouraged to submit comments prior to April 24, 1998.

Dated: April 7, 1998.

J. Davitt McAteer,

Assistant Secretary for Mine Safety and Health.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117

[CGD05-98-015]

RIN 2115-AE47

Drawbridge Operation Regulations; Grassy Sound Channel, Middle Township, NJ

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard proposes to change the regulations that govern the operation of the drawbridge across Grassy Sound Channel, mile 1.0, in Middle Township, New Jersey, by requiring two-hours advance notice for bridge openings from October 1 to May 14, and from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. each day from May 15 to September 30. The bridge would be unattended during these time periods and requests for openings would require calling (609) 368-4591. This proposed rule is intended to help lessen the high cost of manning the drawbridge 24 hours a day while still providing for the reasonable needs of navigation.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before June 9, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to Commander (Aowb), Fifth Coast Guard

District, Federal Building, 4th Floor, 431 Crawford Street, Portsmouth, Virginia 23704-5004, or may be hand-delivered to the same address between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is (757) 398-6222. Comments will become a part of this docket and will be available for inspection and copying at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ann B. Deaton, Bridge Administrator, Fifth Coast Guard District, at (757) 398-6222.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Request for Comments

The Coast Guard encourages interested persons to participate in this rulemaking by submitting written views, comments, data, or arguments. Persons submitting comments should include their names and addresses, identify this rulemaking (CGD05-98-015), the specific section of this rule to which each comment applies, and give reasons for each comment. The Coast Guard requests that all comments and attachments be submitted in an unbound format suitable for copying and electronic filing. If that is not practical, a second copy of any bound material is requested. Persons wanting acknowledgment of receipt of comments should enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope.

The Coast Guard will consider all comments received during the comment period. It may change this proposal in view of the comments.

The Coast Guard plans no public hearing. Persons may request a public hearing by writing to the Commander (Aowb), Fifth Coast Guard District, at the address listed under **ADDRESSES**. The request should include reasons why a hearing would be beneficial. If it determines that the opportunity for oral presentations will aid this rulemaking, the Coast Guard will hold a public hearing at a time and place announced by a later notice in the **Federal Register**.

Background and Purpose

The Ocean Drive drawbridge across the Grassy Sound Channel, mile 1.0, in Middle Township is currently required to open on signal year-round. The Cape May County Bridge Commission, through the Cape May County Department of Public Works, has requested permission to cease having the bridge attended 24-hours per day year-round. This proposed rule is intended to decrease the number of hours the bridge is attended in order to help lessen the high cost of perpetually manning the drawbridge while still